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1. SUMMARY: THE 733RD PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD MET MORNING MARCH 3. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY SWEDEN, JAPAN AND MONGOLIA. SWEDISH REP SUBMITTED TEXT OF SWEDISH DRAFT TREATY ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRIEF STATEMENT (TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL), OUTLINING PROVISIONS OF DRAFT TREATY. JAPANESE REP MADE STATEMENT ON CTB AND JAPANESE WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED CCD MARCH 1. MONGOLIAN REP MADE VERY STANDARD, SOCIALIST LINE STATEMENT CONCERNING NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CTB, MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW.) END SUMMARY.

2. WITH PAKISTAN REP (YUNUS) IN CHAIR, 733RD PLENARY MEETING OF CCD BEGAN WITH SWEDISH SUBMISSION OF DRAFT TREATY ON CTB (CCD/526 WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL) AND STATEMENT BY SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) OUTLINING PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF THEIR DRAFT TREATY AND MAKING COMPARISON BETWEEN SWEDISH DRAFT TREATY AND SOVIET DRAFT TREATY SUBMITTED CCD FEB 22. EXACT TEXT OF SWEDISH STATEMENT TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. AT CONCLUSION OF STATEMENT, SWEDISH REP CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON CTB.

3. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) ADDRESSED CCD ON CTB AND URGED NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO TAKE "CONCRETE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES." JAPANESE REP SAW THREE OBSTACLES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN WAY OF REALIZING A CTB: PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION, ATTITUDE TOWARD PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES), AND CONFLICT BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES IN A CTB "FROM ITS INITIAL PERIOD." HE URGED, IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSAL, A TWO TO FOUR YEAR MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTING BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR, WHICH WOULD "RAISE THEIR TRUST IN EACH OTHER FOR A CTB." THE MORATORIUM WOULD BE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING, BUT HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. AND USSR REFRAIN FROM PNES "ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS," WHILE THE CCD PROCEEDS WITH DRAFTING TREATY AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM IS DEVELOPED TO AVERT THE DANGERS OF PNES. JAPANESE REP PROPOSED, AS ALTERNATIVE IF MORATORIUM COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED IMMEDIATELY, THAT TTBT BE TRANSFORMED INTO A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THE 150 KT THRESHOLD BE "SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED." WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPANESE REP STATED: "SO-CALLED NATIONAL MEANS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR US TO SECURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TREATY. I BELIEVE AN INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM HAS BEEN GENERALLY THOUGHT INDISPENSABLE TO SECURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A CTB." HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS MECHANISM SHOULD CONSIST OF "SPEEDY COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF VERIFIED DATA, AND ON-SITE INSPECTION." JAPANESE REP ALSO PROPOSED CONVENING A "VERIFICATION COMMITTEE," WITH EXPERTS FROM BOTH NUCLEAR-WEAPON AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, TO RECEIVE AND ANALYZE SEISMOLOGICAL DATA AND ANY ADDITIONAL DATA, IF NECESSARY. HE SAID "AS THE RESULT OF THIS ANALYSIS, THE COMMITTEE MAY FIND IT ADVISABLE THAT AN ON-SITE INSPECTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT," THOUGH CCD MIGHT HAVE THE FINAL SAY. JAPANESE REP SAID HE VIEWED NEW SOVIET LINE ON VERIFICATION, AS CONTAINED IN THEIR MEMORANDUM PRESENTED TO LAST FALL'S UNGA AND IN CCD/522, AS ENCOURAGING, ALTHOUGH REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY IN LIGHT OF JAPANESE POSITION ON INADEQUACY OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. JAPANESE REP SAID THEIR WORKING DOCUMENT (CCD/524) ON MAIN ARRAY STATIONS WAS INTENDED

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TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF AN APPROPRIATE
SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING SEISMIC DATA, A QUESTION CLOSELY
RELATED TO VERIFICATION QUESTION. HE SAID THAT THE EXISTING
MAIN ARRAY STATIONS CAN LOCATE SEISMIC EVENTS OVER MAGNITUDE
4.75, FROM 20 TO 30 KT IN YIELD, IN MOST OF NORTHERN
HEMISPHERE AND THAT WITH THE ADDITION OF SEVERAL NEW STATIONS,
SMALL SEISMIC EVENTS OVER MAGNITUDE 4.25, "SEVERAL KT",
COULD BE DETECTED AND LOCATED IN MOST OF THE NORTHERN
HEMISPHERE. JAPANESE REP PROPOSED CONNECTING THE MAIN ARRAY
STATIONS WITH THE EXISTING DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM, "WITH
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ADEQUATE CAPACITY AND ALL-TIME AVAILABILITY," AND SUGGESTED CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE FOR LOCATION WORK. HE SAID THE TECHNICAL STUDY FOR THIS PROCESS HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE CTB AD HOC GROUP, SO HE ASKED CCD TO REQUEST AD HOC GROUP TO DO PRACTICAL WORK DURING CCD SUMMER SESSION AND TO CARRY OUT ITS EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISES STAGE BY STAGE, TO PROVIDE MATERIALS INDISPENSABLE TO SOLUTION OF VERIFICATION PROBLEM, SERVE TO FACILITATE THE POLITICAL DECISIONS OF THE U.S. AND USSR, AND EVENTUALLY MAKE A PRACTICAL AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROLE OF CCD IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. JAPANESE REP SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT ALLOWING PNES UNDER A CTB MIGHT LEAD TO THE DANGER OF "(1) NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES ACQUIRING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY IN THE NAME OF PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND (2) NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES FINDING A LOOP-HOLE IN CTB." AS A RESULT, HE BELIEVED THAT PNES SHOULD ONLY BE CONDUCTED UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND UNTIL SUCH A SYSTEM COULD BE ESTABLISHED, NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES SHOULD "REFRAIN FROM PNES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. RE SCOPE OF ADHERENCE, JAPANESE REP REASSERTED GOJ VIEW THAT "WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE EXCUSE THAT THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TREATY SHOULD BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE NON-PARTICIPATION OF SOME NUCLEAR "WEAPON STATES." IN LIGHT OF THIS, JAPANESE REP APPEALED TO U.S. AND USSR TO TAKE INITIATIVES TOWARDS CTB WHILE THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES MAKE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE. IN CONCLUDING, HE WELCOMED THE SWEDISH DRAFT TREATY AS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BUT RESERVED HIS COMMENTS ON IT TO SOME LATER MEETING.

4. MONGOLIAN REP (ERDEMBILEG) MADE STANDARD SOCIALIST PITCH, IN RUSSIAN, TYING MOUNTING ARMS RACE TO UNACCEPTABLE RATE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. HE LAUDED SOVIET 1972 NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSAL AND DRAFT TREATY ON CTB. IN POSITIONS ON SCOPE OF ADHERENCE TO CTB, VERIFICATION, MDW AND CW, MONGOLIAN REP DID NOT STRAY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET LINE.

5. SWEDISH REP TOOK FLOOR AGAIN BRIEFLY TO TAKE NOTE OF SECOND PROGRESS REPORT OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP (CCD/528) WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE SESSION. SHE ALSO ASKED THAT ALL CCD MEMBER STATES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE WHERE THERE ARE GAPS IN COVERAGE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR SEISMIC FACILITIES TO EXPERTS GROUP.

6. US REP (MEYERS) SAID USG PARTICULARLY WELCOMES SWEDISH

AND JAPANESE CTB PROPOSALS AND THAT EACH WOULD BE CAREFULLY
CONSIDERED; HOWEVER, AS USG REVIEW ON CTB IS NOT YET
COMPLETED, WE CANNOT PRESENTLY COMMIT OURSELVES TO ANY
SPECIFIC APPROACH OR TIME-TABLE, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A CTB WORKING GROUP AT THIS TIME.

7. MEXICAN DEL SUBMITTED LETTER COMMEMORATING TENTH
ANNIVERSARY OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

8. NEXT PLENARY MEETING WILL BE MORNING MARCH 8.CATTO

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